ENGTI): (a) The recommendations contained in para 23.11 of the Fourth Pay Commission Report, relating to recruitment of Group 'A' posts and fixation of quota for promotee officers with reference to the posts instead of vacancies, have not been accepted by the Government.

(b) The decision of the Government to this effect has been communicated to all the Ministries/Departments on 17th June, 1987.

(c) Does not arise.

Closure of Magnesium Pilot Plant

3028. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CSIR Magnesium Pilot Plant, Jamshedpur, set up with the objective of augmenting country's defence preparations has since been closed; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Executive Committee of the National Metallurgical Laboratory has approved of the closure of the Magnesium Pilot Plant. However in view of the fact, that it is of importance from the point of view of defence preparedness and as per rules, the final decision on it, shall have to be taken in CSIR and as per the directive of the Government, the decision to close the plant taken by the Laboratory, may not be treated as final and binding at this stage.

(b) Does not arise.

Court Cases lost by Dena Bank

3029. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of court cases lost by Dena Bank throughout India during the last three years, year-wise and amount involved;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the action taken by the Bank against the erring officials|employees|lawyers; and

(d) the details of steps likely to be taken by the management of the Bank to avoid the failure of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) According to the information readily available with Dena Bank, the number of court cases lost by it throughout India during the last three years and the amount involved in them is as follows:

Year	Number of cases lost	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1984 . . .	5	22 53
1985 . . .	3	0 28
1986 . . .	6	3 13

(b) The Bank has reported that the cases have been lost due to various reasons including want of jurisdiction, claim time barred and non-appearance of the advocate.

(c) While appropriate action is taken by Bank against its officials if it is found that there were lapses on their part resulting in loss of cases, the names of advocates, because of whose non-appearance cases were lost, have been recovered from the panel of the Bank.

(d) The Bank has filed appeals in some cases. It has also devised better monitoring systems for future to ensure that timely legal action is initiated for filing cases and these are properly followed up.